

How to Join the Civil Air Patrol

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Interested in joining Civil Air Patrol?

While we welcome pilots, you don't have to be a pilot to join. CAP offers many avenues of volunteer service, including [emergency services](#) , training and mentoring for cadets, and [aerospace education](#) . We also need volunteers for community outreach, media relations and administrative responsibilities.

CAP has more than 1,700 squadrons throughout the nation. We suggest you locate one or more squadrons near you and visit during their regular meeting time. All squadrons are different in personality and focus, so look for the one that most closely matches your interests.

You must be at least 18 to join CAP as an adult member. National dues are \$35 per year, (\$25 for cadets) plus region and wing dues that vary in cost. See your local commander for details on dues for your unit. For the protection of our cadets, prospective members must undergo a fingerprint screen.

If you're interested in joining CAP's [cadet program](#) , you must be between 12 and 21 years old. You can get a good idea of what cadet membership is all about by visiting the cadet or composite (cadets and adults) squadrons in your area.

For a good ongoing sense of what CAP units are doing throughout the country, you can check out each month's edition of [Civil Air Patrol News](#) , CAP's monthly newspaper. You can also use the MEMBER NAVIGATION button at the top of each page and visit the web pages of all CAP programs and services.

We are glad you are ready to serve your country and your community with us. To find the unit nearest you, please use our [CAP Unit Locator](#) . There is an [online info request form](#) or if you prefer, you can download our

Prospective Member Information Package

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resolution PDF files. And of course, you can always dial our toll-free membership info hotline:

800-FLY-2338.